

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-4 and add new claims 9-11 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
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4. (Cancelled)
5. (Withdrawn)
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8. (Withdrawn)
9. (New) An air permeable porous fiber pad comprising:  
first and second overlapping layers of elongated parallel juxtapositioned webs  
wherein each of said webs includes a plurality of opened fibers consisting of 55 to 85%  
primary fibers and 15 to 45 % heat melttable fibers and wherein said first and second layers  
are cross lapped and heat treated.
10. (New) An air permeable porous fiber pad in accordance with claim 9 and made by  
the process of :  
opening the fibers and mixing the primary and heat melttable fiber to form an opened  
fiber mix;  
carding, slicing and overlapping the fiber mix;  
crosslapping the carded, sliced and overlapped fiber mix and heat treating the cross

lapped, carded, sliced and overlapped fiber mix; and  
cooling, slicing and cross cutting the heated fiber mix to thereby form an air  
permeable porous fiber pad.

11. (New) The air permeable porous fiber pad according to claim 10 wherein the web  
is a crosslapped opened crimped tow of separated fibers.